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1. REPORT ON PERSONNEL OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN THE USSR

2. PIERRE COT AND HIS WIFE

(1945)

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

No: 146

17th May 1945

JO VIKTOR. (1)

Copy to the 8th Department.

Herewith brief particulars of the personnel of the Venezuelan Embassy in the USSR. The source is "CHAPRO"s[ChARRO]"[ii] wife (henceforth "

[4# groups unrecoverable]

[272 groups unrecovered]

meet[a] intimate friends of Pierre COT[iii] and his wife[b], [18 groups unrecovered] friend of the Soviet Union. Is acquainted with

[65 groups unrecoverable]

[48 groups unrecovered]

circles in which

[22 /roups unrecoverable]

.....el GABALDON[iv] (first name not accurate). Was born and brought up in an atmosphere

[14 groups unrecovered]

José GABALDON[v],

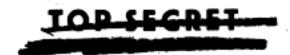
[28 groups unrecoverable]

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GABALDON - the son[vi] was allegedly

[32 groups unrecovered]

friend and supporter of the Soviet Union

[28 groups unrecoverable]

[27 groups unrecovered]

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Notes:

(a) or "meets".

[b] or "... intimate friends, Pierre COT and his wife,".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Charro:

Gustavo MACHADO.

[iii] Pierre COT:

COT was French Minister for Air from 1933 to 1938; a member of the Consultative Assembly of the French Committee of National Liberation, ALGIERS, from autumn 1943; and subsequently a member of the Consultative Assembly, PARIS.

By 1st July 1942 COT had been allocated the covername "DAEDALUS" in NEW YORK MGB traffic (3/NEF/T1332); the BOGOTA resident, ANTIPOV (see Comment [vii]), was seemingly unaware of this. No other references to COT/DAEDALUS are known outside the NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO lanes, but his mistress (covername MARTHA) is mentioned in LONDON to MOSCOW

[iv] ...el GABALDON:

Probably General José Rafael GABALDON.

[v] José GABALDON:

See Comment [iv] above.

(vi) CARALLON, the son:

Margues Roberto GABALDON, son of General Jose Harael Grand DOH, was posted to the Venezuelan Embassy in MOSCOW on 7th April 1945

(vii) PROKhOR:

Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second. Secretary, Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

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